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[54] **EXPANDABLE INTRALUMINAL GRAFT, AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLANTING AN EXPANDABLE INTRALUMINAL GRAFT**

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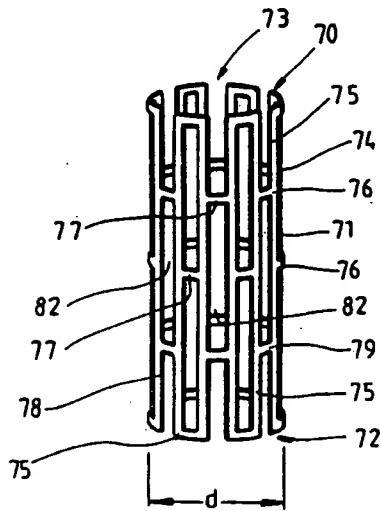
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An expandable and deformable intraluminal vascular graft is expanded within a blood vessel by an angioplasty balloon associated with a catheter to dilate and expand the lumen of a blood vessel. The graft may be a thin-walled tubular member having a plurality of slots disposed substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the tubular member.

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